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Wind tower expansion on the cards

'... but we have got to make sure we get the orders in first'

EXCLUSIVE by RUTH McCLEAN
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EXPANSION is on the cards for the Machrihanish wind tower manufacturing plant this year.

This could create more jobs, and quadruple production at the plant depending on orders.

Head of business development at Wind Towers Limited, David Steele, exclusively told *The Courier* on Monday that all is going well with orders and the company plans to carefully expand its manufacturing further.

Local councillors met with Mr Steele and representatives from a company called Infinis PLC, which has given its backing to a potential partnership with the local manufacturer.

Infinis is currently going through the planning phases for a wind farm at the A'Chruach site in Mid Argyll. The potential partnership would see turbine towers manufactured for the new site as well as others across the UK.

There is also the possibility in the future that other key fabricated components could be manufactured as part of the partnership at Machrihanish.

'It is in our plans to expand through 2012, possibly taking on more people but we have got to make sure we get the orders in first,' said Mr Steele. We will avoid the past times of the boom and bust, ensuring that

if we ramp up production it is sustainable.'

He said the factory is to manufacture three offshore towers for Siemens for the London Array project supported by the sister plant in Herning, Denmark. This will give the factory its offshore reference and hopefully start the ball rolling with the offshore manufacturing process.

'We are hoping to quadruple our production. We currently produce six or seven wind tower sections in a week. With an extension we can ramp this up to 12 wind tower sections and, by the end of the year depending on our order book, we could be producing 16 sections.'

'When the factory is at full capacity and when

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Drama festival draws the crowds

THE male cast of Accent Players' play *Some Mother's Son* written by Mark Rees.

The Kintyre and District Drama Festival took place over Tuesday and Wednesday night with a total of six plays performed by drama groups from across the area.

Lochgilthead Drama Club were

crowned as overall winners on Wednesday night. Audiences packed Campbeltown Grammar to see the performances, with the festival's reputation growing year by year.

For full results from the drama festival and more photographs see next week's *Campbeltown Courier*. 21_c07drama05

Crime figures for Kintyre announced

Locals have been warned to be on their guard after a house near Tarbert had thousands of litres of fuel stolen this week.

Inspector Tom Harper told Campbeltown Community Council on Monday evening that thefts like this, in particular of copper and fuel, are still ongoing.

'It's sporadic,' he said. 'We've been running road blocks most nights and have been pulling over anything that has been moving.'

He is urging people to be on the lookout for any unusual or suspicious looking vehicles, to try and take a note of the number plate and report it to the police as soon as possible.

He told the meeting that during January, 47 crime reports were raised in the area, 26 of which have been detected. This included two crime reports raised in that time for serious assault.

He said there were 56 people stopped and searched, 32 conditional offers issued for road traffic offences and four town centre action plans launched.

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Loganair deny making complaint

AIRLINE Loganair has denied making an official complaint to the company running Islay Airport about 'over-zealous' security checks on islanders.

Responding to reports that an official complaint had been lodged with Highlands and Islands Airports Ltd (HIAL), David Harrison, Loganair's chief executive said: 'We have a strong working relationship with HIAL, and have spoken to them about security arrangements at all of their airports.'

'This has been portrayed as an official complaint, but that's not the case. It is an ongoing dialogue.'

Maintenance work at Aqualibrium

ESSENTIAL works to be carried out at Campbeltown's Aqualibrium will see areas of the facility closed for two weeks.

The swimming pool and relaxation suite will close on March 5 for two weeks. The fitness suite, library and café will remain open during the works.



Police clampdown on weapons

TWENTY-four people were stopped and searched over the weekend as a result of them activating a mobile metal detector.

With the co-operation from a number of licensees in the town centre of Campbeltown, police set up the detector outside different premises to try and deter people from carrying weapons.

None were found and Inspector Tom Harper of Campbeltown Police

said this type of operation acts as a deterrent for people carrying knives or similar weapons.

'We deployed this operation in response to results of a community consultation where 81 people were consulted in the area.'

'We will be using it again with the co-operation of licensed premises.'

'Deployment in a town centre area can give a high return in searches over a period of time.' 21_c07police01

Spy allegations, who else knew?

by STEVEN FLANAGAN
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WHO else within Argyll and Bute Council knew about allegations of spying ahead of last week's suspension of the authority's communications chief?

That was the question being posed by those based at the council's seat of power in Kilmory this week following the suspension of Jo Smith.

The action was prompted by a national newspaper article alleging she told fellow professionals at a Glasgow conference in September she used aliases on social networking websites to find out what people

were saying about the authority.

However, council insiders have privately raised concerns that other officers were aware of the 'spying' allegations and may have acted on information gathered by the covert techniques.

Others have questioned the timing of the as yet unconfirmed reports, just one week before the council's budget meeting and months prior to council elections.

One said: 'It makes no sense that this is coming out now. Someone at the council must have known about this earlier.'

'We have to wait for the independent investigation to be completed, but if she was doing this and allegedly happy to say something to a conference, then someone else must have known this technique was being used.'

The situation brought an angry response from the county's SNP MSP, education secretary Michael Russell, who in a letter to the council said: 'I cannot remember being as angry. The thought that my constituents have been 'spied on' by a senior member of your staff is truly outrageous.'

Council leader, Dick Walsh, said: 'These are serious allegations into which a thorough investigation has been launched.'

'I would like to categorically state that this organisation has never, and would never, condone the sort of practice around which the allegations centre.'

'I will of course be seeking regular updates on the progress of the investigation and await its outcome with interest.'

Extra funding will help deal with landslips on the A83

A FURTHER £1million is to be invested in developing contingency and mitigation plans to deal with future landslips at Rest and Be Thankful on the A83.

Transport minister Keith Brown last week announced the fresh investment, which forms part of a £72million

package of new transport spending across Scotland.

He said: 'The Scottish Government is determined to address the impact severe weather has had in recent months on the A83 at the Rest and Be Thankful - a lifeline route which serves communities throughout Ar-

gyll. In addition to the recently commissioned study which is investigating the feasibility of longer term options, today's funding announcement will be used to extend the length of debris flow netting on the hillside.'

We are also working closely with Forestry

Commission Scotland to explore options for making emergency use of forest roads and using vegetation cover to help reduce the risk of landslips.

'Today's extra funding will allow work to progress which will help minimise the effect on the local communities

and road users in the area.'

The project proposal came as a result of an Argyll and Bute Timber Transport Group initiative.

It is a collaboration between Forestry Commission Scotland, Transport Scotland and Argyll and Bute Council.

Town hall gifted to the community

ONE OF Campbeltown's oldest buildings could once again become the hub of the town after councillors agreed to hand it over to the community.

Campbeltown Town Hall could return to its former glory as Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islands (MAKI) councillors agreed to gift the building to a community enterprise group last week.

At a meeting of the MAKI area committee, councillors said that they agreed 'in princi-

ple' that the Grade-B listed building could be passed to the South Kintyre Development Trust (SKDT).

The meeting heard that Argyll and Bute Council officers had been working with the trust to secure a sustainable future for the building, which locals see as a key building in the town.

But Kintyre councillor John Semple urged the authority to ensure funding to restore the building was in place before handing it over to the community.

Pleased with the decision made by the MAKI committee, Glenn Millar of the South Kintyre Development Trust said: 'It is good to hear the process is in place for the asset to be transferred. However we are a long way from securing the town hall's future. The trust will only be taking on ownership of the town hall if a financially sustainable end use is found and appropriate funding is in place to carry out the refurbishment requirement.'



Councillors and officials from Infinis PLC met with head of business development at Wind Towers Limited, David Steele, and were given a tour around the factory by head of production Robert Wilson. 21_c07wind01

Windtower plant expansion on the cards

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'we've got the second of our new paint lines working, we can make up to 24 towers sections per week.'

Jamie Grant, project developer for Infinis PLC, said he is very interested to learn more about the valuable contribution that Wind Towers makes towards the local Kintyre economy.

'We are currently exploring opportunities to work together to ensure that our plans for A'Chruach wind farm, utilise the skills and expertise on its doorstep and contribute towards the wider economic development of Kintyre.'

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Police Files

Alleged speeding:

A REPORT has been sent to the procurator fiscal after a man was caught allegedly doing nearly double the normal speed limit in Campbeltown.

He was stopped at Snipefield Industrial Estate on Monday by police carrying out speed checks.

Police have been doing regular speed checks across various areas of South Kintyre over the last week and stopped a number of drivers, including a motorist who was on their mobile phone at Bellochantuy.

Tyres slashed:

A VAN parked in Castleacres, Campbeltown, had its four wheels slashed overnight.

Police are appealing for witnesses after it was vandalised on the night of February 8 into February 9.

Youths moved on:

A GROUP of around 20 youths were moved on after reports of them congregating outside a café on Bolgam Street.

They were reported to be causing a disturbance and police attended at 8.50pm on February 11.

Drunk and incapable:

POLICE officers assisted a woman who was drunk and incapable in the early hours of Saturday morning on Shore Street, Campbeltown.

She was taken to Campbeltown Hospital.

£320 fine for breaching the peace:

A CAMPBELTOWN man has been fined £320 after admitting scaring a man so much he jumped from a window in a bid to escape from him.

Sean Burnfield, 25, of 39 Crosshill Avenue, pled guilty to behaving in a disorderly manner and breaching the peace at a Fisher Row address on April 24 last year

More hospital beds scrapped?

'No changes will take place without further community engagement'

by RUTH McCLEAN
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MEMBERS of Campbeltown Community Council raised concerns that more beds had been scrapped at the town's hospital.

Community councillor Ann Gallacher said she had heard that the Benquillion Ward had been shut at the hospital.

The meeting on Monday night also heard the Day Hospital might also have been closed without consultation.

However a spokesman for NHS Highland reassured *The Courier* this was not the case and there are still 32 beds for

use at the hospital.

The fears are on the back of a review carried out last year when the number of beds was previously reduced to 32.

The changes took place under the NHS Change Policy and is known as 'bed modelling'.

At a meeting of the local project group at the end of October, it was confirmed there would be no further cuts for at least six months.

The spokesman said that there had been no changes as feared.

He said the patients who were in the Benguil-

lion Ward were moved into the Acute Ward to make it more efficient for the staff to look after them in the one area; effectively leaving no patients in the Benquillion Ward.

He said there was still a Day Hospital in Campbeltown and while this could be utilised in the future for services like mental health there would still be a day room there.

'We are keen people don't get worried about this and I would like to reassure the public that no changes will take place without further community engagement,' said the spokesman.

Sheriff quashes bail conditions imposed two weeks earlier

SCOTTISH courts are too quick to impose harsh bail conditions without good reason, Campbeltown's Sheriff has claimed.

Sheriff Ruth Anderson made the comments at Campbeltown Sheriff Court this week when quashing a bail condition imposed two weeks earlier on Sean McGregor, 24.

MacGregor, of 101 Main Street, Semington, Lanarkshire, is awaiting trial on two charges of a domestic nature, which he denies.

He had previously been told by another sheriff he could not make contact with the complainer, with whom he had been in a relationship.

Procurator Fiscal, John Service, said the original bail conditions had been set because Miss Harvey told police she was 'distressed by the incident', but he could not provide further information.

After the court heard Miss Harvey herself wanted to see McGregor, Sheriff Anderson criticised the earlier court decision to restrict contact.

She said: 'It does worry me this blanket approach to special conditions that can interfere with a person's liberty, the right to a family life and contact with a child.'

'The courts should be looking at these things with greater care than they do



Coffee morning raises £700

JOHN Pirie and Stuart McConnachie were some of the Campbeltown Young Farmers who were helping out at the club's coffee morning on Saturday. A total of £700 was raised at the event, with £300 being donated to the Kintyre and Campbeltown branch of Multiple Sclerosis. As well as a baking stall and tombola there was also a popular raffle at Kinloch Guide Hall in Campbeltown. 21_c07farm01

Family broadcasting dynasty?

IS CAMPBELTOWN on the way to developing a family broadcasting dynasty to rival the Dimblebys?

BBC News correspondent Jamie McIvor's aunt made her debut this week on Argyll FM's Thought for the Day.

Reverend Anne McIvor

is the minister on Gigha and had never broadcast before.

Coincidence

By sheer coincidence Rev McIvor was on the air at the same time as Jamie—whose main job is on BBC1's Reporting Scotland—was presenting the business news on Radio Scotland.

Tourist receives five penalty points

A TOURIST who was driving through a Kintyre village at 45 mph and crashed into another vehicle has received five penalty points on his licence.

Jonathan Anthony Brown, aged 19, of 15 Edinburgh Road, Lauder, admitted driving without due care and attention at excessive speed in a 30 mph limit zone, losing control of the car and colliding with another vehicle, whereby both were damaged on July 8 last year.

At Campbeltown Sheriff Court he also admitted driving with his front near side wheel having insufficient depth of tread of 1.6 millimetres.

Defence agent Sandy Mitchell said once his client had stopped after crashing into the other driver, he immediately got out to see the people in the other car and apologised.

As well as adding five penalty points to Brown's licence Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC also fined him £250 and admonished him for having insufficient tread on the tyre of the car.

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Southend wind farm appeal quashed

by RUTH McCLEAN
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NEWS that an appeal for a 16-turbine wind farm near to Southend was quashed has been met with mixed feelings in the area.

The Scottish Government rejected the plans for a number of reasons, and reporter Jill Moody said in her report the

wind farm falls into the adopted local plan as predominantly 'very sensitive countryside'.

More than 100 people from the Southend community wrote in to object to the proposals last year, and a number of them spoke at the local hearing held by a Scottish Gov-

ernment reporter in the village in December.

'We are delighted with the reporter's findings,' said Robert Kidd of Macharoch, representing those objecting the proposals. 'Mrs Moody conducted a thoroughly professional investigation and has shown great attention to detail in consideration of the evidence. Her find-

ings categorically state that the Mull of Kintyre - the area South of Campbeltown - is distinct from the central spine of Kintyre and is an inappropriate landscape for large-scale wind turbines. 'We hope other potential developers will take note as we believe this report sets a clear precedent and vindicates Argyll and Bute's Local Plan.'

Disappointed

Susan Paterson, who along with others is disappointed the project is not going ahead, told *The Courier*: 'I am greatly disappointed as I know many others are in the village that the project is not going ahead.'

'Although it had many negative points and understand what some people may feel like, there were also many positive points that would have been of benefit to the Southend community.'

Wild areas map published

A NEW map detailing Scotland's wild areas has been published by Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH).

Some of the country's wildest landscapes are already identified and protected if they fall within national parks or national scenic areas. But many other wild areas are not identified in any way.

A recent SNH study

found that 91 per cent of respondents agree that Scotland's areas of wild land are important and should be protected.

These maps will help local authorities, and others involved in planning, make decisions about development and land use change, to safeguard wild land.

The maps can also help the tourism industry pro-

mote Scotland's wild landscapes to visitors and walkers.

To view the maps, visit www.snh.gov.uk/protecting-scotlands-nature/looking-after-landscapes/landscape-policy-and-guidance/wild-land/mapping/.

This spring, more detailed maps identifying wild land will also be developed.



Poetry winners praised

HOW well children's Burns' Day poems were written and the use of language was a key element of how a recent poetry competition was judged.

Agnes Stewart praised winner Gaia Silven from Clachan, second placed Laura Spence from Castlehill and third placed John McKinnon from Southend on their use of language throughout their poems.

She said they all seemed comfortable

in the language used, whether it was Scots or Standard English.

Double the amount

This is the second year the competition has been run by Numero Dix Hair Salon in Campbeltown, with double the amount of entries received this year compared to last year.

Judge Agnes Stewart, with Kerry Dickson of Numero Dix and the top three prize winners. 21_c07poet01

Solicitor claims abusive language is widely used

A CAMPBELTOWN solicitor has claimed '90 per cent' of households in Scotland use abusive language to their partners.

Christian Kane, of C and D MacTaggart, made the comments while addressing Sheriff Ruth Anderson QC at Campbeltown Sheriff Court this week.

He was defending Campbell Maguire, aged 25, of 7 New Parliament Place, who was found guilty of acting in a threatening or abusive manner at another address in New Parliament Place on September 26 last year.

The court heard

Maguire had called a woman - with whom he was in a relationship at the time - a 'slut' and a 'tart', among other terms, during a drunken argument at her home.

He was also said to have called the woman a 'bad mother' and threatened to call the police because she had invited some friends back to her house for a drink against his wishes, as one of their two young children had school the following day.

Under examination Maguire did not deny using the words, but accepted he should not have used them.

Sheriff Anderson said the terms were 'exactly what is covered by the term abusive'.

Mr Kane said: 'In that case this criminalises more than 90 per cent of households in Scotland.'

Sheriff Anderson said: 'I don't know what your life experience is, but I've never been in a house where this language is used.'

Sentence on Maguire, who had earlier pleaded guilty to being in possession of 0.8g of cannabis resin, was deferred for six months to be of good behaviour and to gain employment.

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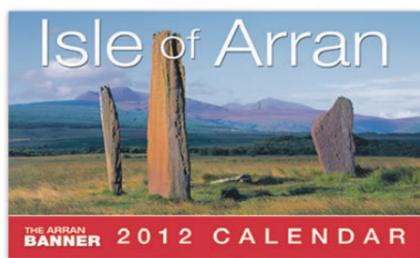
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Lifeboat doubles time at sea

COMPARED to 2010, Campbeltown Lifeboat spent double the amount of hours at sea during call-outs last year.

The crew spent 443.31 hours at sea during shouts, and 808 at exercise in 2011, compared with 204.38 hours at sea during shouts in 2010, and 771 at sea for exercise.

Campbeltown Lifeboat was the 14th busiest station in Scotland last year out of 42 stations.

The stations in Campbeltown and Islay recorded more than 50 per cent of their services in darkness.

The RNLI's divisional inspector in Scotland, Paul Jennings, said: 'The annual statistics reveal once again the devotion to duty by our volunteer crews throughout Scotland.'

'Apart from the shouts, the crews spend a great deal of time exercising and improving their skills so they are in a position to help anyone in all types of weather and in all types of situation.'

100 jobs to be created by Scottish Salmon

MORE than 100 jobs will be created across the west coast by the Scottish Salmon Company.

Plans have been revealed for the next five years for £40million of investment by developing 10 new farm sites, increasing farming capacity and developing its harvesting, processing and freshwater operations.

Kirsty kicked the habit - so can you

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A LOCAL lady who smoked for nearly 17 years managed to quit her habit of 20 cigarettes a day after finding out she was pregnant. With the help of local smoking cessation services, Kirsty Muir, managed to kick the habit. The 34-year-old clerical assistant from Campbel-

town decided to quit for good when she got the news she was expecting baby daughter Brooke. She said: 'When I found out I was expecting Brooke, I knew I had to quit smoking for her health and my own. I didn't want to be an unhealthy mother. My local smoking

cessation advisor, Jill, helped me quit with one-on-one support sessions and by recommending nicotine replacement patches, lozenges and chewing gum. **Baby essentials** 'What's more, I'm able to put the money I'm saving by not buying cigarettes towards baby essentials. Quitting was one of the best decisions I've ever made and

I couldn't have done it without the help of my local stop smoking services. I'm feeling so positive about a smoke-free future. 'You are four times more likely to give up smoking by using a free stop smoking service in your local area.' To get free help and advice about stopping smoking, contact Smoke-line on 0800 848484.



Kirsty Muir, with daughter Brooke. The deciding point for Kirsty to stop smoking was when she found out she was pregnant.

Angling club seeks help

KINTYRE Angling Club is appealing for help in finding a leather bound book which was stolen from its premises in autumn. The book contains minutes and details of the early history of the club and members are keen to have this returned. If anyone has any knowledge of the whereabouts of this book, or who broke into the clubhouse please contact the club secretary or any member of the committee at the club premise at Shore Street, Campbeltown. The club would like to remind anglers it owns the fishing rights to the Lussa Dam, Auchalochy Loch and Crosshill Loch. It is illegal to fish these lochs without a permit issued by Kintyre Angling Club and if caught will be reported to the police if found to be without one.

New campaign launched encouraging smokers to quit

SMOKERS in the area are being urged to make 2012 the year to kick the habit. Argyll and Bute's 15,838 smokers are encouraged to take advantage of the wide range of NHS services to help make it happen. A new campaign has been launched encouraging smokers to quit with

the help of Scotland's national stop smoking helpline. **Personal** Smokeline offers people tips on how to kick the habit geared towards their personal circumstances and needs. For free advice on how to quit telephone 0800 848 484. A Scottish Government

community engagement team will be visiting locations across Scotland to inform and advise smokers who want to quit. Visitors will be able to take lung ageing and carbon monoxide tests and also pick up quit calendars to support them through their quit attempts.

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Thought for the Week

with Marilyn Shedden



KERRY is just four years old, but has gathered a great deal of wisdom in such a short time.

On her fourth birthday, she asked her Mum if her Grandpa in Heaven knew that it was her birthday.

She often thinks and talks about this man she loved so much in life. Death has not separated Kerry from his love in any way.

This generated a discussion with the little girl as to what Heaven is like.

She asked questions of a nature far beyond that of a four year old and her Mum was struggling with the answers!

I have the great pleasure of going into two local primary schools once a month and I am often amazed at the spiritual wisdom amongst many of our young people.

They have a questioning and open approach to God and it is a joy to see the seeds of faith take root.

Theirs is not a naïve faith, but the kind of faith I think Jesus alluded to when he said we should have faith like little children.

There is such a difference between a childish faith and a child-like faith and how lovely that Kerry can think of her Grandpa with such assurance and certainty in her own God given faith.

How much we can learn from this kind of faith and how it reminds us that for all the unexplained and difficult questions that constantly perplex us, we can still embrace the wonder of a faith like Kerry's.

As to what Heaven is really like – who knows? Kerry said that, while she likes living here, she thinks she will like Heaven even better.

I think that's good enough for me!

So let us give thanks for the wisdom and faith of children and let us learn from them as best we can.



Down Memory Lane

THIS old photograph will be a blast from the past for this lot. Handed in by Robert Johnson of Peninver, it is of possibly Campbeltown's first boy band, the Jackie Kelly Group from 50 years ago. Taken in December 1961, the boys are left to right: Robert Johnson, now in Peninver, Calum McAlpine in Oban, Jackie Kelly in Dunoon and Hugh Duncan in Ayrshire.

Macmillan Cancer Support thanks

Sir,
I would just like to say a big thank you to the people of Campbeltown and the surrounding areas for their continued support and fantastic generosity.

Last year was Macmillan Cancer Support's centenary year, which the Campbeltown committee celebrated by

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hosting a Centenary Dance in the Grammar School.

We danced the night away to Cruithne and the dance was sponsored by a number of local businesses.

In total we raised a massive £14,500 last year and this will go a long way to helping

those in the community who need it most.

Mags Thomson, Secretary, Campbeltown Macmillan Cancer Support

Still waiting!

Sir,
With respect to my letter

published in The Courier on February 3 about the high prices of fuel at the County Garage in Campbeltown, I am still awaiting a response from the operators of the garage?

I'm sure there are many people in Campbeltown and South Kintyre that would appreciate an ex-

planation as to why we pay so much?

Come on County garage come clean.

Robin Adair, Sound of Kintyre

Planning application for 'gigantic' wind turbine

Sir,

I wonder if your readers saw the planning application in last week's Courier for a gigantic wind turbine at North Beachmore, Muasdale, up above the church at A'Chleit.

It is proposed to erect this only 627 metres from nearby dwellings, which could cause noise pollution and shadow flicker to the residents and catastrophic destruction to the wildlife.

Those who may have noticed the appearance of an anemometer at this site within the past week will see how prominent this looks, this stands at 50 metres tall, while the turbine would be 84 metres in height.

If they are as horrified by this proposal as I am, then I would urge them to object to the plans and prevent this dreadful blight on our beautiful countryside.

The residents of Kintyre must stand up and fight against those single industrial turbines, which can only drive tourists - the life-blood of this area - away, causing economic disaster in our picturesque peninsula.

Name and address supplied

Not the dreaded midges already!

Sir,
While I'm delighted that this winter has been quite mild – no extra winter woolies for me – the early emergence of the dreaded midge is a concern.

Already, their trademark bites are making their irritating presence known; lord only knows what the summer will bring.

So forgive me if I'm hoping for a good hard frost to kill some of the blighters off.

Name and address supplied

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All the children in the primary six class with Nadia and Alexander Shaw who came to talk to the class, standing either side of their cousin Susan.

Chinese New Year celebrations

PUPILS from Dalintober Primary and its pre-five unit celebrated Chinese New Year.

The pre fives received a visit from Emily Walker who spoke about the occasion and showed them lots of Chinese objects and clothes.

She also helped them to make Chinese dragons and lanterns as well as teaching them a Chinese song.

Pupils from primary six enjoyed a mini topic all about Chinese New Year.

Teacher Elise Glendingin received some items from her friend in Hong Kong and shared them with the class.

The topic started first thing in the morning with the class performing Lion Dances as part of their daily PE. Next came



Nyla Lang enjoyed trying on a Chinese jacket. During Chinese New Year, all Chinese children receive a new one.

some internet research to find out details about Chinese New Year and then the children spent time looking at the resources and talking about what they'd be used for. The icing on the cake

came in the form of two visitors, Nadia and Alexander Shaw from Macau, who agreed to come in to talk to the class and answer some questions about Chinese New Year.

Kilkerran Play Park talks planned

A MEETING to discuss the replacement of Kilkerran Play Park will take place on February 21.

A short-life working group will be formed to move this project forward.

'This play area is outdated with many of the pieces of equipment no longer functional,' said councillor Donald Kelly. 'A few parents and a member of the Campbeltown Community

Council have already expressed an interest in helping out.'

For more information contact Councillor Kelly on 01586 810193 or email donald.kelly2@argyll-bute.gov.uk.

School holiday dates agreed

CORE school holiday dates for the 2013/2014 and 2014/15 academic years have been agreed by Argyll and Bute councillors.

The dates provide a framework into which other related dates, such as teachers' in-service days and local holidays, will be incorporated.

Argyll and Bute's spokeswoman for education and lifelong learning, councillor Ellen Morton, said: 'I know parents and carers like to know holiday periods well in advance and I'm pleased the holiday dates for the

two years from August 2013 have now been agreed.'

Following a cross-authority meeting to discuss school holiday arrangements, it was agreed all authorities represented at the meeting would try to follow the same core holiday pattern.

These dates will now be circulated in order that the remaining in-service days and local holidays can be agreed, before being distributed to all relevant parties.

The report listing all the core dates can be found at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk.

Campbeltown airline marks 50-year milestone

LOGANAIR, which runs twice-daily flights to and from Campbeltown, has celebrated 50 years of serving Scotland.

A year-long celebration was launched to mark the occasion, with the celebrations extending to Campbeltown Airport.

People flying with the

company were treated to a glass of bubbly and a cupcake with the airline's new logo on it.

The check-in desk at the airport was also specially decorated on the day.

Scott Grier, who led a management buy-out of the company in 1997 and set about rebuilding

the operation to become Scotland's Airline, hailed the unique achievement of Loganair's 50 years in the aviation business.

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Children who successfully completed the first aid training at the local community centre.

Community groups attend first aid course

A TWO-day first aid course held in partnership with the British Red Cross was held in the Community Learning Centre in Campbeltown.

The Kintyre Community Learning team ran the well-attended course, involving a variety of community groups.

Participants were taught about basic first aid and responsive first aid training linked to the new advertising campaign promoting the 'staying alive' message. It aims to break down the barriers posed by traditional

first aid courses and ensure individuals feel confident, competent and capable of offering basic first aid.

The Kintyre community learning team is now trained to deliver this free two hour course to community groups. For more information on this and information regarding adult learning opportunities in the local area, please contact Suzanne Russell, adult education and community development worker on 01586 559282 or email suzanne.russell@argyll-bute.gov.uk.



Some of the ladies during their first aid training.



The British Red Cross led the first aid courses over two days.

Murray's Solo recital goes down well

by RUTH McCLEAN
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THE accomplished Scottish pianist, Murray McLachlan, gave his fifth solo recital in Campbeltown on Tuesday evening to a full and appreciative audience.

Theme

For this concert, he chose as his theme The Pianist as Hero, an interesting concept, which permitted a mix of great piano composers and their music in near chronological order from Beethoven to Prokofiev.

These selected composers were not conventional heroes of the battlefield but were seen as contributors to the advancement of piano writing, set against their personal and often debilitating health and other problems.

With great clarity, Murray introduced each piece explaining the features of each composer's life together with their individual contribution. This bound together an otherwise

diverse set of pieces extremely well.

As always, Murray's playing was of the highest order with a full range of expression – contemplative in the third movement of Beethoven's E major Sonata op.109, delicate and brilliant in the Scherzo of Chopin's great B minor Sonata, surging in the Schubert Impromptu, and utterly brutal in the Finale of Prokofiev's Sonata No.7 - a piece requiring enormous stamina and technique.

A superb evening.

Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy to be shown at Tarbert Film Club

TOMORROW (Saturday) the Tarbert Film Club will be screening the newly released *Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy*.

Many will be familiar with John Le Carre's original spy novel or in-

deed the BBC TV serial of the late 70s.

Interpretation

This latest interpretation has already been nominated for several BAFTAs and OSCARS. The screening starts at

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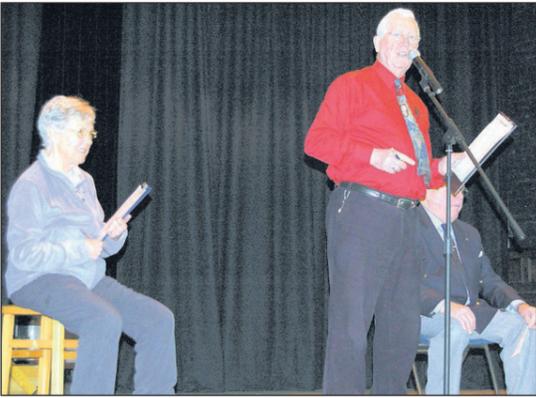
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Ladies of the Inner Wheel Club of Campbeltown provided teas, coffees and filled rolls throughout the day. 21_c07sale03

Unusual items at the Sale of the Century

by RUTH McCLEAN
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SOME unusual items were up for auction at the weekend's Sale of the Century.

Amongst which was a complete and working sauna.

It was a tiring weekend for Rotarians with the first auction sale of 2012.

On this occasion, there was a little apprehension as to the outcome, for the main auction had some 60 items less than at the last sale in September.

The fears were groundless and a very commendable gross total of more than £3,500 was raised.

As always, the bric-a-brac stall was popular on both Friday afternoon and Saturday and, as always, there was generous support for the raffle, the proceeds of which will go to Rotary's Water-aid Scheme which helps to provide clean drinking water for people who have none.

The Rotary Club of

Campbeltown continues to be grateful to the public of Campbeltown and of the wider Kintyre community for their generous support.

Grateful

The club is also grateful to members of the Inner Wheel Club of Campbeltown, who provide a service of tea, coffee, soft drinks, rolls and biscuits.

This raises some money for Inner Wheel, but it is a much-appreciated service for which everyone is grateful.

The Rotary Club also

expresses gratitude for help given by honorary Rotarians and by generous service provided by Jim Martin, who helped bring goods to the hall on Friday, and Glenside Tractors and Peter McKerral and Co who helped delivered items after the sale on Saturday.

These sales would be almost impossible without that help and the Rotary Club thank you all most sincerely.

It is hoped that the next Sale of the Century will take place early in the autumn of this year.

Picture House Centenary

THE BAFTAs have passed and the OSCARs are on the horizon.

Why not visit The Picture House and make your own decision on what and who should win?

The week ahead will see *War Horse* showing at the cinema, a film set in the First World War and adapted from the book by Michael Murpurgo.

The next First Monday presentation will be *The Iron Lady* and Meryl Streep is a hot favourite to add to her BAFTA award of Best Actress. On March 10 for a week George Clooney appears in *The Descendants* and his film is likely to perform well in Hollywood.

The Wee Pictures will also show *The*

Artist very soon, which has received many nominations for OSCARs and recalls the days of the silent movies, a time when the local cinema was receiving sell out performances, filling most of the 640 seats it had in those days.

It is also the year of anniversaries and countdowns - only 161 days left till the Olympics.

The Picture House is also counting down and has less than 500 days till its 100th birthday.

The committee is continuing its fundraising for the Centenary Project this year and will be holding a prize bingo night on Thursday March 1 in the Argyll Bowling Club.

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- Rulers (7)
- Leg bone (5)
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- Describing phrase, which doesn't make sense in the normal way! (5)
- Chief official of a town or city (5)
- Rainproof material (7)
- Saggy (6)
- Rag (6)
- Try (7)
- Sarcastic remark (5)
- German sub (1-4)
- Stand up and applaud (7)
- Sit in on (5)
- Short witty remark (7)

Down

- Reasonable belief in a God (5)
- Quick (5)
- Riding support (7)
- Funny show (6)
- Woven yarn (5)
- Cut of beef (7)
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- Transylvanian gentleman? (7)
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Crumbling road causing problems

A CRUMBLING road on Jura is causing consternation for islanders, with even funerals affected by its deteriorating condition.

Some 500metres of the Keils Cemetery road has not been maintained by any local authority since 1996, when Argyll and Bute District Council became Argyll and Bute Council.

Since then the disputed section of road has deteriorated rapidly and is now scattered with craters measuring as much as a foot deep and 1.5m wide.

The island's community council has joined residents in expressing concern about the state of the road since 1998, but say attempts to get the council to accept that it is an adopted road have fallen on deaf ears.

Furthermore, they say patching of the road prior to funerals is proof that the authority has some responsibility for its condition.

On the other hand, the council say the section of road belongs to the residents and add that

any maintenance done prior to funerals is out of a moral obligation rather than any legal requirement, as the cemetery lies at the other end of the un-adopted stretch.

Alex Dunnachie lives next to the road and is a member of the community council. He said: 'I'm just at the end of my tether.'

'There's virtually no tar left on the road. Every time there is a funeral they just patch it with aggregate but it doesn't last. I wonder how much they have spent on maintaining that road over the last four years?'

'However, for the last three funerals, they've done nothing.'

Argyll and Bute Council have said that, because they also use the road for funerals, they are willing to discuss a mutual maintenance scheme with the residents - who it claims own the road.

KILKENZIE

Agricultural shed

DRUMALEA Farm at Kilkennie has been approved planning permission for the erection of an agricultural shed.

The shed for livestock and milking use was permitted by Argyll and Bute Council this week.

SOUTHEND



Artist's impression of the front entrance to the hall.

New village hall plans unveiled at consultation meeting

PROPOSALS were unveiled recently for the new village hall for Southend.

The architects, Grid Design Ltd, presented the plans at a community consultation by South Kintyre Development Trust in the village last month.

Managing director of Grid Design, Craig Inglis was on hand to answer questions and explain aspects of the new hall and surrounding area of the building.

He told *The Courier* this week the company is delighted to be involved with this project.

'Our practice design ethos is a 'modern twist on traditional Scottish architecture' and we believe this has been well suited to the Dunaverty Village Hall project,'

said Craig.

'As part of our introductory work with the Southend Community Council, we took time to discuss the brief of the building with them and some members of the local community.'

'It has become apparent to us that this project will create more than just a building but a new heart of village life.'

'Focussing on the design, internally we are trying to keep the circulation and layout of the building very simple, with ease of access throughout.'

'The focal point of the plan is the main hall with support spaces, including changing facilities and meeting rooms, located around it.'

'Externally, we want this new building to tie in

with the village's architectural landscape. We aim to achieve this by using materials that are sympathetic to the existing buildings around it, allowing the heritage of this picturesque village to be maintained.'

For more information about Grid Design Ltd visit the companies website at www.grid-designltd.com.

Plans approved

TWO planning applications for Southend, Kintyre have been withdrawn.

One was for North Carine Farm near the village for alterations and an extension to the house.

The second was for the erection of a house, installation of a septic

tank and the erection of a detached garage on land east of Glenview, Southend.

Dunaverty ladies golf

THE ladies of Dunaverty Golf Club completed their winter medal schedule on a course, which has been maintained in good shape considering the extraordinary amount of rain which has fallen.

Each month a small but enthusiastic field has competed and the following winning scores were returned: December Medal Mary McKinnon 98 - 24 = 74, January Medal Margaret Macfarlane 102 - 30 = 72, February Medal Heather Dryden 85 - 19 = 66.

roof from the rafters.

Following an inspection by owners, Argyll and Bute Council, the cost of repair has been estimated at around £65,000.

Work to replace the roof will begin next week.

School clean-up

BOWMORE Primary School on Islay raised £97 for the school following a clean up all around and about Bowmore. The children did very well, collecting a whole load of litter which blew everywhere during the storms. A good job done.

Re-JIG's Beach Project is able to sponsor local groups and charities who wish to raise money by beach and roadside cleaning.

Please phone Re-JIG on 810880 if you are interested.

Planning applications

PLANNERS approved an application for the erection of a house on Avonvogie, Bowmore Islay.

An application for the demolition of vacant storerooms at Lochindaal Hotel, Port Charlotte, Islay has been withdrawn.

GIGHA

Gaelic tuition course

A WEEK-long Gaelic language tuition course is being run on Gigha next month.

The Gaelic song and traditional instrument tuition is being run at the Gigha Gallery and Gigha Hotel.

The event will be rounded off with a ceilidh on the Friday evening.

TARBERT

Tandem sky dive

A TARBERT girl is taking part in a Tandem Skydive to raise money for Cystic Fibrosis.

Kirsten MacNeill from the village, is looking for locals to get behind her and donate money to her cause.

You can visit her Just Giving page at www.justgiving.com/kirstenmacneill or text UKTQ64 and the amount you would like to donate to 70070.

TAYINLOAN

Planning permission

THE erection of a dwellinghouse at the site of a former sawmill office at Tayinloan has been approved planning permission.

The site is at Gigha View near the village and the application also includes the installation of a septic tank.

ISLAY

Lifeboat benefits

ISLAY Lifeboat has benefited from an SOS Day held by Re-JIG on the island.

A raffle was held in Re-JIG's shop and all of its takings for that day donated to Islay Lifeboat.

The raffle was supported by the island's distilleries as well as a local hotel.

Some of the local lifeboat volunteer fundraisers came to the shop and set up a stall.

They raised £458, from the raffle alone, with a further £210 donated through the day's takings.

Everyone involved would like to thank all the people who helped to support them by buying raffle tickets and going to the shop on the day.

Learning about dinosaurs

CHILDREN in primary one and two at Port Ellen, Islay have been learning about dinosaurs recently.

They have been working hard with the help of their parents to create a dino-land in the class.

They created a giant T-Rex to keep his beady eye on the children and they have a set of dino eggs waiting to hatch. Miss MacRae would like to thank all parents involved. For regular dino updates follow them on Twitter at portellenps.

Primary four and five have been learning technology skills this term,

from PowerPoint to Twitter, and they will be passing on some of their skills to parents as part of a national internet safety awareness day.

Parents will also be able to watch presentations and videos on internet safety, with a *Who Wants to be a Millionaire*-style quiz to follow.

Finally thanks to all parents and members of the community who attended the annual Burns day celebrations. The children read their poems, ate haggis for lunch and then enjoyed showing off their dancing skills.

Ramsay Hall roof to be repaired

A COMMUNITY hall on the Isle of Islay which had its roof blown off in the New Year storms is scheduled to be repaired in the next six weeks.

Port Ellen's iconic Ramsay Hall has been closed since the beginning of January when high winds ripped its red

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Holstein stock judging

KINTYRE Holstein Breeders Club will hold its stock judging competition next Friday at West Trodugal Farm, near Machrihanish, by kind permission of Mr and Mrs Armour and family.

Judge for the evening is Hugh McCorkindale from Eden.

The annual general meeting of the club will be held on March 5 at 7.30pm in the Argyll Hotel, Campbeltown. Speaker for the evening will be Richard Beard, field officer of the Holstein Society.

Ayrshire breeders club AGM

THE current president of the Ayrshire Cattle Society, Margaret Howie of Sevenoaks in Kent will be guest speaker at the 40th Annual General Meeting for the local Ayrshire breeders club.

Kintyre Ayrshire Breeders will host its AGM in the Argyll Arms Hotel, Campbeltown at 8pm on March 8.

Ballygreggan Farm hosts Ayrshire breeders stock judging

by RUTH McCLEAN
editor@campbeltowncourier.co.uk

Kintyre and District Ayrshire Breeders Club held annual stock judging at Ballygreggan Farm on Friday February 3, by kind permission of Mr and Mrs Archie Millar and family.

Club chairman, Archie Reid, welcomed 96 competitors of all ages on a fine, dry evening and introduced the master judge, John Ralston of Kilkivan.

Six classes of soundly-bred Ayrshires were then shown and placed by the judge, who concluded his task by complimenting the Millar family and their staff on presenting the animals to such high standard.

Many onlookers were impressed by the correctness of conformation and obvious longevity that had resulted from many generations of careful breeding at Ballygreggan.

After tea, sausage rolls and sandwiches Tracy Millar presented the following prizes.

Ayrshire Cattle Society Cup for most points overall: William G Ralston; Alta Cup for highest placed young farmer: John Pirie.

Gents: 1 William G Ralston, Darloch 287 points out of 300, 2 Matthew Ralston, Rhoin 286, 3 Andrew Ronald, Ormsary 257.



Judge for the occasion was John Ralston of Kilkivan. 21_c06farm02

Ladies: 1 Ruth Smith, Drumalea 262, 2 Mary Colville, Langa 258, 3 Joan Pirie, Machrihanish 252.

Young farmers: 1 John Pirie, Machrihanish 252, 2 Sara McDougall, Dalivaddy 246, 3 Robin W Barr, Calderglen 244.

Juniors: 1 Kathryn

Semple, Kilkeddan 226, 2 Charles Turner, Strath 224, 3 Annalise Shields, Campbeltown 205.

A well-supported raffle was then drawn before a vote of thanks was proposed by vice chairman, Murray Ralston to all concerned.

The club wishes to

acknowledge the generous sponsorship received from Cattle Services (Ayr) Ltd, Alta Genetics, Cogent Breeding Ltd, Genes and Semex UK. They donated semen vouchers, whose total value amounted to £475, presented to the various prize winners.



There were six lots in the ring at the stock-judging. 21_c06farm02



The event attracted nearly 100 people of all ages to Ballygreggan Farm at Drumlemble. 21_c06farm04

Campbeltown Young Farmers hold silage competition

THE Young family at the Drum Farm, Kilkennie, are this year's winners of the Campbeltown Young Farmers Silage Competition.

This is the first time for a number of years the competition has been run and the young farmers hope to re-establish it on an annual basis.

There were 20 entries from farms across Kintyre for the competition, and the Drum Farm were crowned winners with their first

cut clamp silage, winning three acres of grass seed.

Campbeltown YF Silage Competition was jointly sponsored by Harbro and Watson Seeds. Harbro kindly carried out the chemical analysis, before passing the results to Andrew Best, of Watson Seeds who carried out the judging and provided the prizes.

Analysis of the winner's silage showed a dry matter of 24.2 per cent, crude protein of

12.76 per cent, metabolic energy of 11.7 per cent, and a digestibility value of 73.15 per cent.

The runners-up for this year were Kilkeddan in second place winning two acres of grass seed and Dalhbradden in third, winning one acre of grass seed. Campbeltown Young Farmers would like to thank everyone who took part in the competition and sponsors Harbro and Watson Seed.



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TEXT FOR THE WEEK

"If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!" (2 Corinthians 5:17).

DEATHS

MACKINNON – On February 7, 2012, peacefully at Glenaray Ward, Mid Argyll Hospital, Lochgilphead, Gregor, in his 83rd year, beloved husband of the late Flora and much loved father of Iain and Gregor, dear father-in-law of Morag and Heather, dearly loved grampa of Jamie, Rebecca, Diarmid, Ruairidh and Christina and great grampa of Kayla and Lacey. Funeral service was held at Inveraray Parish Church, on February 13, interment thereafter at Kileven Cemetery.

MCSPORRAN – Suddenly at home, 5 Kirk Street, Campbeltown, on January 27, 2012, Margaret Cameron Harvey, in her 75th year, formerly of Sealands, Peninver, dearly beloved wife of the late Archie McSporrnan, much loved mother of Duncan and Kathleen and a loving granny of Rachel and Mairi.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

GALBRAITH – Archie's family would like to thank family, friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy following their recent loss. Special thanks to doctors and staff at Muasdale Surgery, his carers, Campbeltown and Oban Hospital, the ambulance service, and to those who visited over the years. Thanks go to Agnes Stewart for a comforting service and Alasdair Blair for efficient funeral arrangements, the Argyll Hotel, Bellochantuy for catering and finally, all who paid their respects at the church and graveside. The retiral collection raised £430 for Muasdale Surgery.

IN MEMORIAM

BROWN – Your life was a blessing, Your memory a treasure, You are loved beyond words, and missed beyond measure. Miss you Granny. - Love Kelsey x.

BROWN – In loving memory of our dear daughter and beloved sister, Sharon Fiona, who was sadly taken from us on February 12, 1993. Always in our thoughts. - From Mum, Dad, sister and brothers.

COOPER – In loving memory of Billy, dear husband, dad and granddad who died on February 17, 2009. - Sadly missed by Kathryn, Andrew, Douglas, Pauline, Zoe and Abby.

DURANCE – In loving memory of Beryl, a dear wife, mum, gran and sister, who passed away on February 16, 1998. Loved and remembered every day.

- Willie, Sharon, Ian, Martin, Duncan and Jean.

GLENCROSS – In memory of Sharon Glencross, February 18, 2007. If tears could build a stairway, and memories a lane, I'd walk right up to Heaven, and bring you home again.

- All the family.

MACKAY – In loving memory of our much loved father, father-in-law and grandfather, John, who passed away on February 16, 2010. It's lonely here without you, We miss you more each day, For life is not the same to us, Since you were called away. Sorely missed.

- From all at Lilybank.

MCGUINNESS – In loving memory of Ron, dear husband and dad, who died February 16, 2005. Always in our thoughts, forever in our hearts. - Mary and Roslyn x.

MCGUINNESS – Ron, dear brother-in-law and friend, died February 16, 2005. Fondly remembered. - Margaret and Davie.

ROBERTSON – In loving memory of a dear wife, mother and nana, Cathie, who passed away on February 18, 2001. Loved and remembered every day.

- Calum, Catriona and all the family.

SHAW – In loving memory of my dear mother (Chrissie), who died February 17, 2011. Deeply missed. Loved and remembered every day.

- John.

THOMPSON – Tommy, went to sleep February 15, 2007. A much loved husband, dad and grandad. Too dearly loved to ever be forgotten. - Your loving wife, Rene, your son, Scott, your girls, Senga and Maureen, and families at home and away.

ECCLESIASTICAL NOTICES

LOCHGILPHEAD BAPTIST CHURCH
All Welcome

Pastor Rev Derek Gibson
Sunday 19th February 2012
11.00am Morning Service

Monday 20th February
Ladies Meeting
Dr Mairead Brailsford
Ardfern

Messy Church
Wednesday 22nd February
from 4.30pm

Jumpstart Group
Friday 10.00 – 11.30am

Scottish Charity SC015187

FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
George Street
Campbeltown

Sunday 19th February
12.45pm

Rev Donald Morrison
All Welcome

Scottish Charity Number: SC003847

Highland Parish Church



SC002493

Saturday 18th February 2012
4.00 pm Duty officebearers set up hall

Sunday 19th February
Services in Kirk St Hall until further notice.
11.15am Morning Worship
Mr Jim Campbell
FunDay Club(3yrs – P5)
JaM (P6+)

Tuesday 21st February
Badminton Club – Kirk St Hall
6.30pm – 7.45pm P1 – P5
7.45pm – 9.00pm P6 – P7

Rev Michael J Lind
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LORNE AND LOWLAND PARISH CHURCH
Scottish Charity Number SC011686

Sunday, 19th February
Family Worship Service - 11:15 a.m.
[with Campbeltown Brass] (Crèche, Triple C and Bible Class)
Rev. Philip Burroughs

Monday, 20th February
The Guild - 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, 21st February
Mothers and Toddlers - 9:45 a.m.

Thursday, 23rd February
Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.

Friday, 24th February
Lunch Club - 12:00 noon

THE SALVATION ARMY
Burnside Street, Campbeltown

Sunday Services
10.30am
Morning Worship
5.45pm Prayer Meeting
6.30pm Evening Worship

Tuesday
12.15pm Over 60's Luncheon Club
1.30pm Adult Home League

Thursday
11.30am Meet 'n' Eat Café
New to you Stall

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CHURCH OF SCOTLAND KILBERRY LINKED WITH TARBERT LOCHFYNE PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 19th February 2012
Tarbert Service 11.30am
Tarbert Art & Leisure Centre
Rev Tommy Bryson

Guild meets
Monday 20th February
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Sunday 19th February 2012
10.00am Breaking of Bread
Mr John Wright
10.50 Coffee
11.15am
Family Service with Sunday School and Crèche
Mr John Wright

No Youth Group this week

Wednesday 22nd February
10.00am Jellytots – Parent and Toddler Group
7.30pm Bible Study and Prayer

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Sunday 19th February 2012
Sunday before Lent
8.30am Holy Communion
10.45am Family Communion

Wednesday 22nd February 2012
Ash Wednesday
10.45am Holy Communion

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Morning Service in Inveraray Church at 11.30 am
Sunday Club starts

ARDRISHAIG AND SOUTH KNAPDALE PARISHES

"Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!"

Sunday Services
Ardrihaig at 11:00am
Achahoish at 12:30pm

Scottish Charity Numbers (SC010713 & SC010782)

NORTH KNAPDALE PARISH CHURCH
Charity Number SC001002

Sunday 19 February
Tayvallich Church 11:30 am
Souper Sunday Worship followed by lunch in Tayvallich Hall
Worship led by Rev. Cliff Acklam
All Welcome

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LIVING STONES CHRISTIAN CENTRE KILMARTIN

Sunday 19 February 2012
11.00am
Worship Service for all ages followed by light lunch
Speaker: Graham McLean
"Dwelling in the secret place"

Thursday 23 February 2012
7.30pm
Praise, prayer & sharing
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Back to business for Stephen

IT WAS back to business for Stephen Barclay in week 10 of the Tarbert Golf Club winter league as the golfer returned to top the leader board.

After losing out on first place last week, Stephen made sure of his win by posting 19 points - the best score of the weekend.

Kenny Macfarlane, who has returned to form after two weeks away from the golf course, took second place on 17 points.

The scores mean a number of Tarbert golfers are still in the running to lift the winter league title, which comes to an end in a few weeks.

February Frenzy

NEXT weekend will see Campbeltown Running Club's February Frenzy taking place.

The six-mile race around Lussa Loch will start at 10am, and guests from outwith the running club are welcome to join them for the occasion.

Last year the event was well attended.

The course is an undulating route of forest track and the road up to Lussa, so it is a pretty tough course.

Club lottery numbers

TARBERT woman Mhairi Jackson won £500 this week as her lucky numbers 4, 6 and 14 were drawn in the Tarbert Football Club lottery. The jackpot will be £100 next week.

The jackpot in the Tarbert Golf Club lottery draw will be £325 next week after another week passed with no winner. The numbers drawn this week were 1, 17 and 19.

Islay GC winter league

ISLAY Golf Club's winter league results: 1 Alister Blair 43pts, 2 Calum Davey 40pts, 3 Scott Currie 38pts.



Argyll Riding is jumping into action to recruit more Kintyre members. Riders from the south can look to enjoy a variety of disciplines. Pictured is member, Antonia Stewart riding her horse, Libby, at the club's annual show.

Argyll riding club want to hear from Kintyre riders

WHETHER it is for lessons, show-jumping clinics, or social evenings, Argyll Riding Club want to hear from Kintyre riders.

The recently reinvigorated club is welcoming all riders, whether members or not, to an open evening in Campbeltown next Tuesday.

Spanning from Craobh Haven in the north to Kintyre in the south, Argyll Riding Club is hoping for a bumper year, with various events planned across the county. The new committee wants to hear from all Kintyre riders and non-riders about what kind of events they would like to see happening in their area.

Vice-chair of the club, Jenny Sutherland said: 'We used to have good representation from Kintyre but at present we only have two south-members.'

'We are holding an open evening at The Ardshiel Hotel in Campbeltown on Tuesday evening with the aim of listening to what riders want from the club.'

'We hope this will then lead to more Kintyre members and a stronger south-presence.'

For more information on next week's event, phone 01546 606978 or log onto the club's Facebook page - www.facebook.com/argyllridingclub.

Sign up for Brewin Dolphin Series

SAILING enthusiasts are being encouraged to sign up for this year's Brewin Dolphin Scottish Series.

Entries are now being taken online for the event, organised by Clyde Cruising Club, from Friday June 1 to Monday June 4 in Tarbert, which is a week later than usual.

The event's notice of

race and entry form are available by visiting www.brewindolphin-scottishseries.com.

Support

Well-known supporter of Scottish sailing Boyd Tunnock, announced Tunnock's continued support for the event.

Johnnie Readman, event organiser said: 'We are very excited about

this year. Competitors should expect to see a number of changes on and off the water at this year's event, creating a festival of sailing for competitors and spectators alike.

'We would encourage all sailors interested in participating to sail to sign up as soon as possible.'

SFA Level 1 coaching course to be run in March

IN A bid to get more coaches involved in football in the area a course has been organised for the start of March.

Football organisations in Campbeltown will host a Level 1 Early Touches coaching course in Campbeltown and are calling for anyone interested in attending the course to register.

The six-hour course,

Sunday March 4, is open to all interested parties aged 16 and over, experienced or otherwise, who work with children of primary school age, five to 11 years old.

In addition to delivering new content, the course will assist coaches to develop their coaching technique, focus on skill development and will explore the best age-spe-

cific activities for developing young players.

The content emphasises skills development and fun in a variety of individual and group activities.

The course will be taken by Martin Rae, Argyll and Bute Council's Scottish FA football development officer.

A minimum of 12 people is required to host the

Winter League Cup reaches semi final stage

by RUTH McCLEAN
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THE semi finalists for Machrihanish Golf Club's Winter League Cup were decided in better weather at the weekend. Still on course for a dream double Messrs Ian MacKinnon and Red John McPhee saw off old campaigners Hector Thomson and Ray Mitchell in a dour battle.

With all games being played on winter greens, more akin to the surface of the moon than a golf course, Ian holed the decisive four inch putt on the 17th green to allow him and Jock to go on and triumph at the last hole.

Angus Brown and Finlay Wylie resorted to the

old nine-hole course trick to get through their match and set up what could be a classic match against the double seekers.

In the other semi past captain Stephen Kelly and the youthful Willie Miller took care of Calum Maclean and the original submariner, his official partner Davie Wallace.

Good to see Davy put his injury troubles behind him and make a welcome return to the league, albeit after this result it may be a brief one, now due to face the lone buggy boy, Bob Tait, and whoever he can get to play.

Should be interesting with Bob currently bug-

gy-less due to the recent monsoon conditions.

Poor old Norman, deemed the now not so Mighty, Gwynne and partner captain elect John Biggins suffered another defeat and need a rapid change of fortune to avoid adding to their kitchen utensil collection.

Might be they've accepted their fate having been spotted at the Sale of the Century looking for some baking bowls.

For the record, Jimmy Simpson - despite some strong protestations - completed the full 18 holes as he and partner Stuart Campbell suffered defeat at the hands of high flying Donnie MacLean and club thrower extraordinaire Brian Findlay.



Some of the prizewinners with W Morran.

THE Open Indoor Pairs Competition was held over the last week in Argyll Bowling Club.

Twenty-four pairs entered the competition, which gave a week of great bowling. The final was held on Saturday night and a good turnout came

along to the club to watch.

The winners were John McLachlan and David Reid who beat runners up Grant Grant and Gary Grumoli.

The semi finalists were B Mathieson and C Robertson and G Allan and D McMillan.

course and some current football coaches have already registered to attend and take the first step in the SFA's three level pathway of Working with Children.

The course is free and is run courtesy of the newly formed Campbeltown and District Community Football Club.

The community club is particularly keen to seek

interest from anyone interested in coaching children now or in the future with an overall aim to provide qualified coaching courses for the SFA's two strands of coaching - one aimed at Working with Children from 5 to 11 years old and one working with youth players from 12 to 18 years old.

The development group

is also looking at coaching for the Adult Pathway and those involved in amateur football over 18 years old to ensure there is proper coaching for children all the way through to adult football.

If interested in registering for the course on Sunday March 4 contact Willie Renton on 07880 744 172.

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Community football club formed in Campbeltown

by **RUTH McCLEAN**
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A COMMUNITY football club has been formed to bring together all the bodies and organisations in the town who are involved in the sport.

Campbeltown and District Community Football Club was formally founded on Monday evening following a meeting where representatives from football organisations in Campbeltown came together.

Register

Club representatives from Campbeltown Soccer Centre, Campbeltown and District Juvenile Football Association,

Campbeltown Pupils AFC and both secondary and primary school football agreed to form the community football club in line with other football communities in Scotland and register for the Scottish Football Association's accredited Quality Mark scheme.

Some of the benefits the group receive from this are Scottish Football Association (SFA) regional staff support, discounted SFA coach education courses and workshops.

The objective of the first meeting was simply

to agree the constitution and elect committee members until the first Annual General Meeting which will be held in June.

Representation

The community club also wish representation from the Campbeltown and District Amateur Football League, which runs in the summer, as well as any other parties involved in football in the area to ensure the new group represents the interests of all football in South Kintyre.

The next meeting of the group will be held on Monday April 2 at 8pm in the Meadows View Pavilion, Campbeltown.



Mary Ross runner-up and Mhairi Morrison winner of the ladies singles.

Ladies make the feathers fly

MHAIRI Morrison was the ladies singles winner on Monday night.

Runner up was Mary Ross on the evening which took place in Whisky Macs, Campbeltown.

Some great darts were thrown on the night, but Mhairi proved to be the most consistent in the end.

The organisers would like to thank Whisky Macs for donating the prizes and providing the venue.

Week 11 results in the Campbeltown District Darts Association: Southend 1 Burnside 9, Commercial 1 Fiddlers 9, Argyll Bowling Club 10 Ailsa 0, Fiddlers B 3 White Hart 7 and Kilbrannan 8 Kinloch 2.

Gigha will act as feeder race

GIGHA will be acting as a feeder race for the West Highland Yachting Week once again.

The feeder races from both Gigha and Oban bring the yachting fleet from all over the UK to the launch of the event on July 28 in Craobh Marina, when it is expected more than 120 boats will muster.

The fleet then races to Oban amidst the spectacular backdrop of the Firth of Lorne. Two days of sailing off Oban include the Round Lismore Race, Olympic style racing for the spinnaker fleet and an inshore course for the Argyll fleet.

This unique regatta 'moves' again on Wednesday August 1

when the fleet race up the Sound of Mull to iconic Tobermory. A further day's racing off Tobermory completes the Mull section of the event before the fleet thunder back down to Oban on the final passage race of the week. The Peter Cocks Memorial Trophy is awarded for the best overall performance of the regatta and individual trophies are given for each day and to overall class winners.

The notice of race and entry form for West Highland Yachting Week are now available on the website www.whyw.co.uk and from the secretary of the Joint Regatta Committee Jim Lowe at office@whyw.co.uk.

Coaching event was just champion

A HOST of Kintyre sports people were amongst the hundreds who travelled from across the country for the annual Coaching Champions event in

Oban recently. Organised by Argyll and Bute Council, the event saw more than 400 people take part in 43 coaching courses.

Footballers, shinty

players and swimmers were amongst the Kintyre contingent that took part in coaching courses, helping them pass on their skills and knowledge to future generations.

The coaching event, held in Oban over four days, gave sports enthusiasts an opportunity to turn their hobby into a sports qualification, with levels one to three certificates available across a range of sporting activities.

Growth of interest in new sports to Argyll and Bute was encouraging with a full volleyball instructor course and the basketball course attracting great numbers.



Football coach Kenny Campbell was among those put through his paces at a goalkeeping coaching session run by Argyll and Bute football development officer Martin Rae. 16_t06coach01

Dunaverty Golf Club Lottery

DUNAVERTY Golf Club's lottery has rolled over to a £600 jackpot.

There were no winners in last Sunday's draw and the winning numbers were 11, 14 and 16.

The next draw will be on Sunday February 19, tickets available from the clubhouse, committee members, the Commercial Inn and Muneroy Stores.

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